

Democracy lecture series. California State Treasurer Bill Lockyer will deliver the inaugural lecture in this series on September 15, 2011 and the first Law and Democracy course will be offered during the Fall Semester of 2012.

Lockyer's Law and Democracy lecture will be the keynote event of a weeklong celebration and will kick-off three days of student-centered community engagement events that will culminate on Citizenship/Constitution Day on September 17, 2011. In conjunction with these other events, Chabot will provide its students with a training program in community organizing on September 16th and 17th.

A primary goal of the Law and Democracy lecture series is to expose Chabot College students, and the broader community, to a wide range of ideas and policy issues that impact their communities. Additionally, the organizers of the lecture series hope to help initiate conversations in the college and community about civic participation and responsibility.

I offer my congratulations to Chabot College on its 50th anniversary and for the launch of its curriculum in Law and Democracy and its Democracy Lecture series. Chabot is committed to nurturing an awareness of the importance of active civic engagement and responsibility in its students. I send best wishes for every success.

EASTERN IOWA'S VETERANS OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR

HON. DAVID LOEBSACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, today I have the great honor of welcoming to our nation's capital ninety Iowa veterans of the Greatest Generation. Accompanied by seventy volunteer guardians, these veterans have travelled to Washington, DC, to visit the monument that was built in their honor.

For many if not all of these veterans, today will be the first time they have seen the National World War II Memorial. I can think of no greater honor than to be there when they see their memorial for the first time and to personally thank Iowa's—and our nation's—heroes.

I proudly have in my office a piece of marble from the quarry that supplied the marble that built the World War II Memorial. That piece of marble, just like the memorial that it built, reminds me of the sacrifices of a generation that, when our country was threatened, rose to defend not just our nation but the freedoms, democracy, and values that we hold so dear. They did so as one people and one country. It is still awe inspiring today.

The sheer magnitude of what they accomplished, not just in war but in the peace that followed has stood as an inspiration to every generation since. The Greatest Generation did not seek to be tested both abroad by a war that fundamentally challenged our way of life and at home by the Great Depression and the rebuilding of our economy that followed. But, when called upon to do so, they defended and then rebuilt our nation. Their patriotism, service, and great sacrifice not only defined their generation—they stand as a testament to the fortitude of our nation.

I am tremendously proud to welcome Eastern Iowa's veterans of the Second World War

to our nation's capital today. On behalf of every Iowan I represent, I thank them for their service to our country.

CONGRATULATING WILMER RAY BAILEY

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate Wilmer Ray Bailey for being selected as a recipient of the Thomas Jefferson Award for Cooperative Weather Observing. This award is testament that Wilmer is a true leader for his volunteer service to National Weather Service in Jena, La.

Wilmer has served as a volunteer weather observer for over 43 years, working closely with the local forecast office and serving his community as a long-standing reliable resource for weather and storm information. In addition, he served Louisiana for 30 years as a fire protection coordinator and dispatcher with the state's Office of Agriculture and Forestry. He works with the National Weather Service in Shreveport by giving accurate, timely, and reliable weather observations, but also as a trained Storm Spotter. Wilmer provides the irreplaceable service of relaying important and potentially dangerous weather conditions and damage reports from his community, which is hard hit by hazardous weather on a regular basis.

He is an example of how one person can affect the lives of many, and I commend Wilmer for his hard work and dedication to making a positive difference in the community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Wilmer Ray Bailey for this significant achievement.

IN RECOGNITION OF NORTH HILLS HOSPITAL'S 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the North Hills Hospital as it has been providing excellent health care services to northeast Tarrant County for 50 years.

Originally named Glenview Hospital, North Hills Hospital was founded by six family physicians in 1961 with initial funding provided by Rice University of Houston. When the hospital opened, it was the first suburban hospital in Northeast Tarrant County, and only the second hospital within the county to be located outside of downtown Fort Worth. In 1983 the facilities were moved to the current location in North Richland Hills and renamed as North Hills Hospital.

In the late 1990s the North Hills Hospital accomplished the impressive feat of becoming one of the only hospitals to score a perfect score on the Joint Commission Accrediting Survey. This hospital's commitment to stellar healthcare service is evident as it became the first hospital in the United States to achieve a Level 2 Chest Pain Center as well as the first

hospital in Tarrant County to be named a Center of Excellence for Bariatric Surgery.

In order to improve upon their already outstanding healthcare services, North Hills Hospital now offers less invasive and highly innovative robotic surgery. Additionally, the hospital has implemented a \$33 million hospital expansion to provide better convenience for their patients.

Since its inception, North Hills Hospital has grown more than three-fold, expanding from a 50-bed facility to a 176-bed hospital with 700 employees and 400 physicians.

I am honored to represent the staff, physicians, administration and patients of North Hills Hospital as the representative of Texas's 26th district and celebrate the hospital's 50 years of commitment to health care.

IN RECOGNITION OF REVEREND NORWOOD RICHARD CUFF

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Reverend Norwood Cuff for his thirty years of dedication to the ministry. On September 10, 2011, members of the Trinity African Methodist Episcopal Church in Long Branch, New Jersey will gather to recognize his devotion to members of the congregation. His thirty years of dedication and commitment to his faith and community are truly worthy of this body's recognition.

Rev. Cuff is an esteemed member of Salem High School's class of 1965. Beginning just eight months after graduation, he faithfully served his country as a member of the United States Navy. After completing his tour of duty, Rev. Cuff attained various retail positions before answering a strong religious calling. Rev. Cuff became an active member of Mt. Pisgah African Methodist Episcopal (AME) in Salem, New Jersey, filling the role of church organist. Under the pastoral leadership of Rev. John Boxley and the Mt. Pisgah church family, Rev. Cuff was recommended as a member to the New Jersey Conference Ministerial Institute of the AME Church. Shortly after, Rev. Cuff enrolled at Philadelphia College of Bible and completed his degree in 1984. In 1988, he graduated from the International Seminary with a Masters degree in Biblical Studies. He was later ordained as an Itinerant Deacon during his third year in the Ministerial Institute of the AME Church. Rev. Cuff would later preside as Pastor at Bethel AME Church in Port Norris, New Jersey upon completion of his post graduate studies. He was ordained as an Itinerant Elder in the AME Church by Bishop Frank Cummings in 1984 and was later assigned the Pastor of St. Mark AME Church in Lindenwood, New Jersey. After two years of service, he was reassigned to Mt. Zion AME Church in Woodstown, New Jersey where he remained for twenty-two years. Rev. Cuff currently serves as Pastor at Trinity AME Church in Long Branch, New Jersey.

In addition to his religious service, Rev. Cuff was an admirable member of the West Deptford High School staff for fifteen years and officially retired from his position at the Woodbury Junior Senior High School in 2008. Among many worthy organizations, Rev. Cuff

currently serves as Vice President of the Long Branch Urban Ministry, member of the Long Branch Housing Advisory Board and is Vice Chairman of the New Jersey Natural Gas—Long Branch Community Advisory Panel. Rev. Cuff is happily married to his wife, Bonita Wilson, for twenty-nine years. Together they have raised two daughters, Erinmarie C. Cuff-Feltcher and Lauren M. Cuff. He is also the proud grandfather of two granddaughters.

Mr. Speaker, once again please join me in congratulating Rev. Cuff for thirty years of outstanding leadership and impressive mentorship is a shining example of what hard work and dedication can accomplish.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to return to Washington, DC last week, and so I was not present for rollcall votes held on September 7th, 8th, and 9th.

Had I been present I would have voted:

“Yea” on Rollcall No. 692, on H. Con. Res. 67, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

“No” on Rollcall No. 693, on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 392, the Rule providing for consideration of both H.R. 2218 and H.R. 1892, in order to allow Mr. Garamendi of California to offer his amendment to the Rule to give priority to eligible entities that plan to use materials made in America for the construction and renovation of school facilities.

“No” on Rollcall No. 694, on H. Res. 392, the rule providing for consideration of both H.R. 2218—Empowering Parents through Quality Charter Schools Act and H.R. 1892—Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012.

“Yes” on Rollcall No. 695, on the Hunter amendment to H.R. 1892, which would require the Director of National Intelligence and the Secretary of Defense to establish a coordinated strategy to identify and counter network activity and operations in Pakistan and Afghanistan relating to the development and use of improvised explosive devices.

“Yes” on Rollcall No. 696, on the Carney amendment to H.R. 1892, which would express the sense of Congress that railway transportation security has been and must continue to be a priority of the intelligence community in infrastructure threat assessment.

“Yes” on Rollcall No. 697, the motion to recommit H.R. 1892, which would place priority on funding activities that counter the threat posed by transnational drug trafficking and the protection of U.S. borders from drug-related crime, violence and gang-related activity in connection with transnational drug trafficking.

“Yes” on Rollcall No. 698, final passage of H.R. 1892, although I share the concern expressed by a number of my colleagues about the CIA’s role in Libya.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I did not return to Washington in time on Monday September 12, 2011 and missed three votes.

Had I been present I would have voted “yes” on H.R. 2076—Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act (Rollcall No. 699), “yes” on H.R. 2633—Appeal Time Clarification Act (Rollcall No. 700), and “yes” on H.R. 1059—Protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports (Rollcall No. 701).

COMMENDING THE CITY OF DEARBORN’S “RESPONSE TO BULLYING BEHAVIOR”

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the city-wide response to bullying behavior in Dearborn, Michigan. Today, September 14, 2011, marks the first annual anti-bullying day in Dearborn. I am proud to have a city like this in my district, where they will not sit back and allow bullying behavior to go unnoticed and unpunished.

On this day, Dearborn Public Schools are also celebrating Diversity Day, a day for accepting and respecting everyone for who they are, and treating them all equally; a day to bring our wonderful community together. I ask, what better day is there for acknowledging the fight against bullying? Bullying doesn’t only create rifts between families, students, and schools, but it is also detrimental to our local communities. We must not let individuals or groups be allowed to engage in misbehavior without punishment, rather it is important to send the message that such behavior will not be tolerated in our communities. Community leaders holding a public forum such as this one to raise awareness on the societal costs of bullying is an important first step to combating this problem.

Bullying can take on various forms and affect children and young adults of all backgrounds. With the vast use of online resources by children and young adults, more and more young people are being emotionally and physically victimized on a daily basis. In order to stop bullying we all need to do our part, this includes both students and teachers maintaining a vigilant lookout for this abhorrent behavior. Additionally, it is crucial that the victims of bullying have strong moral support from friends and family alike. Aside from lending emotional support, parents, friends, peers and teachers have a responsibility to report these incidents to their school in order to help prevent further incidents.

I commend the effort being made by the Dearborn community to end bullying. This is the all important first step in a fight to keep our children safe from the ridicule and abuse of bullies. I ask all of my colleagues to rise and join me in recognizing the magnificent

work being done by the entire community of Dearborn, Michigan on the occasion of the first annual anti-bullying day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. HURT. Mr. Speaker, I missed the following vote on rollcall No. 700—a recorded vote on H.R. 2633, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the time limits for appeals in civil cases to which United States officers or employees are parties.

Mr. Speaker, I was not present for rollcall vote No. 700 on H.R. 2633. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 699, 700 and 701, I missed because of airline delay (4 hr.).

Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on all three.

IN RECOGNITION OF KELLY KRAFT

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent of the 26th District of Texas, Kelly Kraft. Mr. Kraft graduated from Ryan High School in Denton, Texas after lettering for four seasons and serving as captain of their golf team; he is currently a senior at Southern Methodist University where he has just completed his last season as an accomplished member of the Mustangs golf team. One of Mr. Kraft’s most recent achievements includes beating a top ranked opponent from UCLA as the national tournament came down to the wire. In the end, Mr. Kraft persevered and defeated his opponent to win the 111th U.S. Amateur Championship.

This victory was enough to solidify his spot on the U.S. Walker Cup team. The Walker Cup is a biennial golf tournament between teams comprising the leading amateur golfers of the U.S., Great Britain and Ireland. As the U.S. Amateur champion, Mr. Kraft has also qualified for next year’s U.S. Open, Masters, and the British Open.

Mr. Kraft intends on finishing his Bachelors in Sociology this upcoming year at Southern Methodist University. Kelly Kraft excels in athleticism and perseverance, and I am proud to represent him in the U.S. House of Representatives.